

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 129

By Norris

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Florence Thomas
Mosley of Atoka.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Florence Thomas Mosley; and

WHEREAS, the grandchild of ex-slaves, Mrs. Mosley passed away at the ripe age of 113 years old, the oldest resident of Tipton County; and

WHEREAS, she was a wonderful neighbor and caring friend who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mosley never met a person she would call a stranger, and she quickly "claimed" as family those visitors who stayed in her charming presence for more than ten minutes; and

WHEREAS, Florence Thomas Mosley cared for family, friends, animals, and flowers, and was known to have one of the most beautiful flowerbeds in town; and

WHEREAS, born in a small town in Mississippi on June 11, 1889, she married Willie Mosley at the age of seventeen and moved to Tipton County; and

WHEREAS, throughout her life, Mrs. Mosley was deeply devoted to her family; she was blessed with the love and companionship of her ten children, twenty-five grandchildren, seventy-one great-grandchildren, and nineteen great-great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her beloved husband and nine of her children; her son, Joe Mosley, survives her; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mosley inherited her stamina from her mother, who lived to see 100; her mother's mother lived to be 115 years old; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mosley's life stretched from the 19th to the 21st century, during which time she witnessed many events that changed our nation for the better: at age 13, she first witnessed working electricity; at age 60, she saw her first television; and she saw an automobile for the first time at the age of 15, though she waited until she was 93 to purchase one; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mosley lived by this simple adage: "You just got to treat everybody right and thank the Lord for every day you got"; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mosley leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Florence Thomas Mosley, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Mosley.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.